

FY 2007 Caregiver Services

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Informal caregivers provide daily or episodic support, and assist with services such as bathing, banking, shopping, food preparation, and medical care. Caregiving has the potential to impact the health, work, family relationships, and finances of the caregiver. Caregivers may live with the person they are caring for, travel to provide care, or may be a long distance caregiver.

In 2007 a total of 7,984 caregivers were supported with 806,273 hours/units of adult day, respite, meals, counseling, and supplemental care. Non-registered caregivers received 37,025 hours/units of outreach, information and referral, and transportation services.

Profile of Registered Caregivers

72% were female

48% were younger than 65 years of age

40% resided in rural areas

35% of caregivers were daughters or daughters-in-law; 30% of caregivers were spouses

25% were low-income

23% were minority by race and/or ethnicity

Table 11. Profile of Caregiving

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75%	Provided daily, hands-on care
75%	Have been caregiving for more than one year; 50% for three or more years
57%	Lived with the individual(s) that they care for; 35% travel up to one hour to provide care
39%	Indicated that there was no other family members willing or able to help provide care
24%	Were employed full or part-time
31%	Described their health as "fair" or "poor"
10%	Were caregiving for grandchildren

Expenditures

In 2007 the aging network spent nearly \$14.2 million to support caregivers. Table 12 describes costs and services levels for caregiver services.²⁰

Table 12. Caregiver Service Expenditures and Average Cost per Client and Service Unit

Service Category	Expenditures	Cost / Client	Cost / Unit
Respite Services	\$11,297,716	\$2,165.14	\$14.33
Counseling Services	\$1,162,479	\$409.32	\$66.56
Supplemental Services	\$234,035	\$1,109.17	\$417.92
Information Services	\$470,185	NA	85.09\$
Access Services	\$1,005,935	NA	\$31.94
Totals	\$14,170,350	\$1,589.96	\$16.80

²⁰ Average costs per caregiver and service units are for registered clients in respite, counseling, and supplemental services.

Characteristics of Caregivers by Age

The characteristics of caregivers differ when broken out by the age of the caregiver. Caregivers under age 60 were more likely to be a daughter or daughter-in-law, travel to provide care, to be employed, and to indicate that others were willing to help provide care. Older caregivers were more likely to be a spouse and to report fair or poor health. Charts 18 and 19 describe characteristics for caregivers aged 60 and older and those under age 60.

Chart 18. Registered Caregivers by Age Group

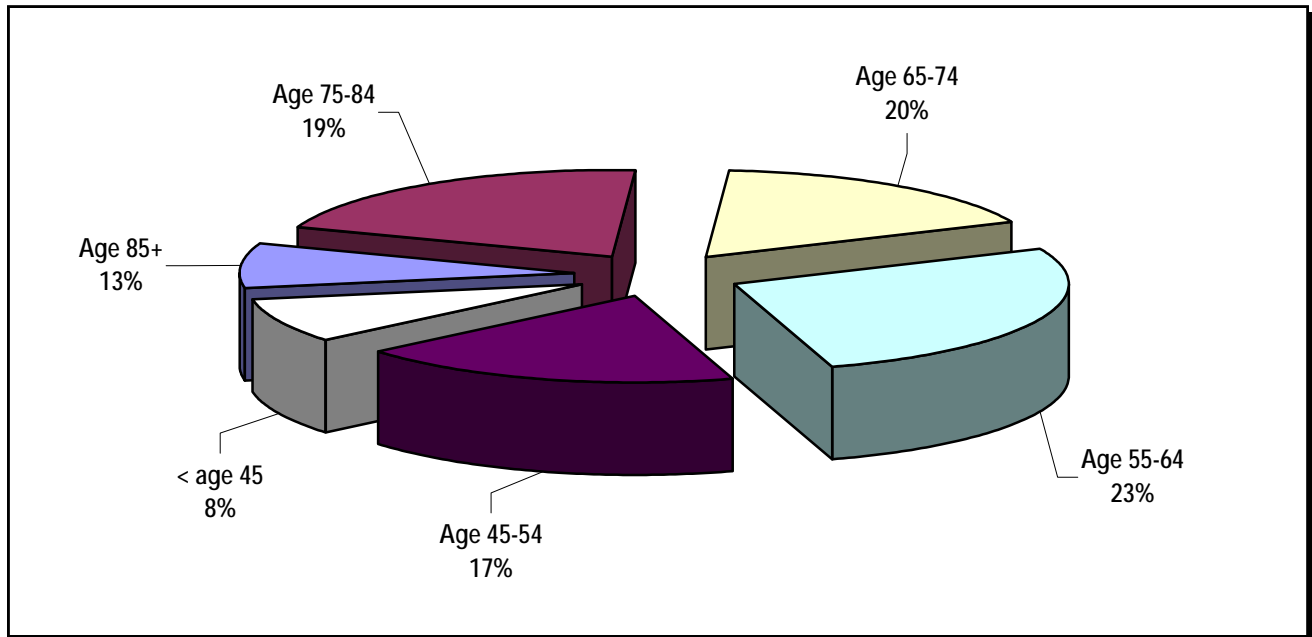
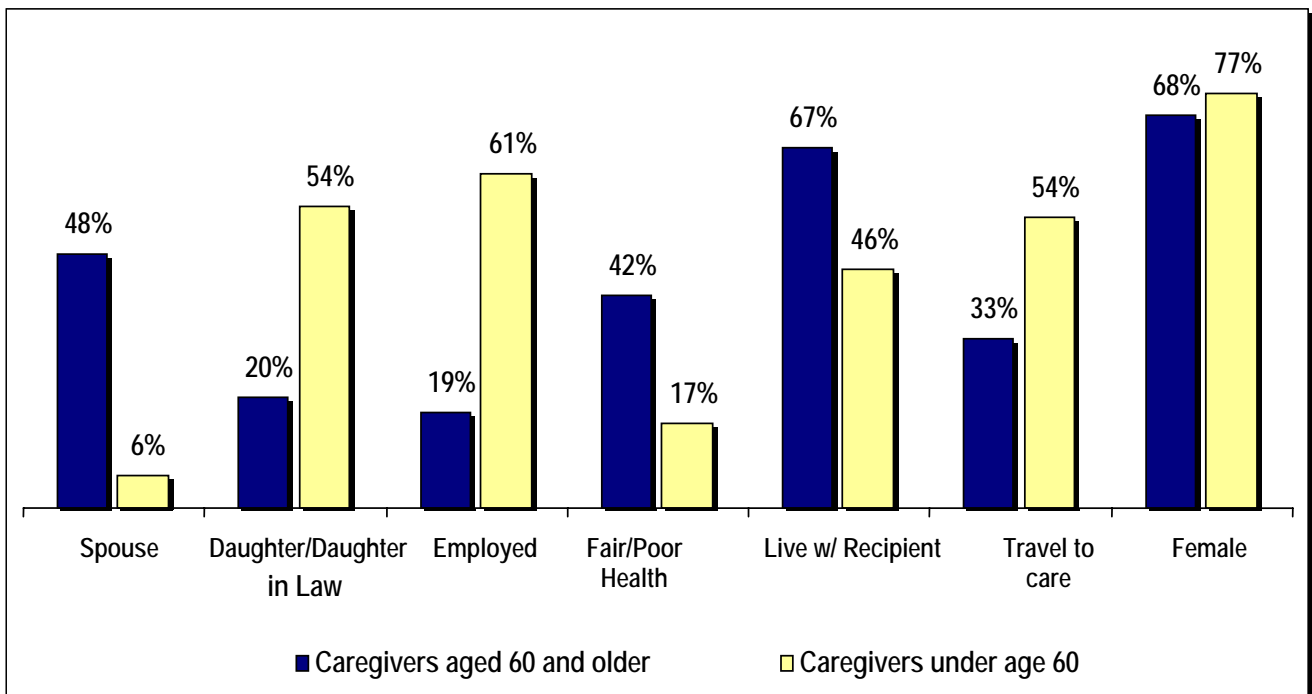


Chart 19. Registered Caregivers by Age and Selected Characteristics



Characteristics of Caregivers by How Long They Have Been Providing Care

The characteristics of caregivers differ depending how long the caregiver has been providing care. Caregivers that have been providing care for 3 years or longer were more likely to live with the care recipient, provide daily care, and to indicate fair or poor health. Those that have not been caregiving as long were more likely to travel to provide care and to be employed. Charts 20 and 21 describe characteristics for caregivers based on how long they have been providing care.

Chart 20. Registered Caregivers by Length of Time Providing Care

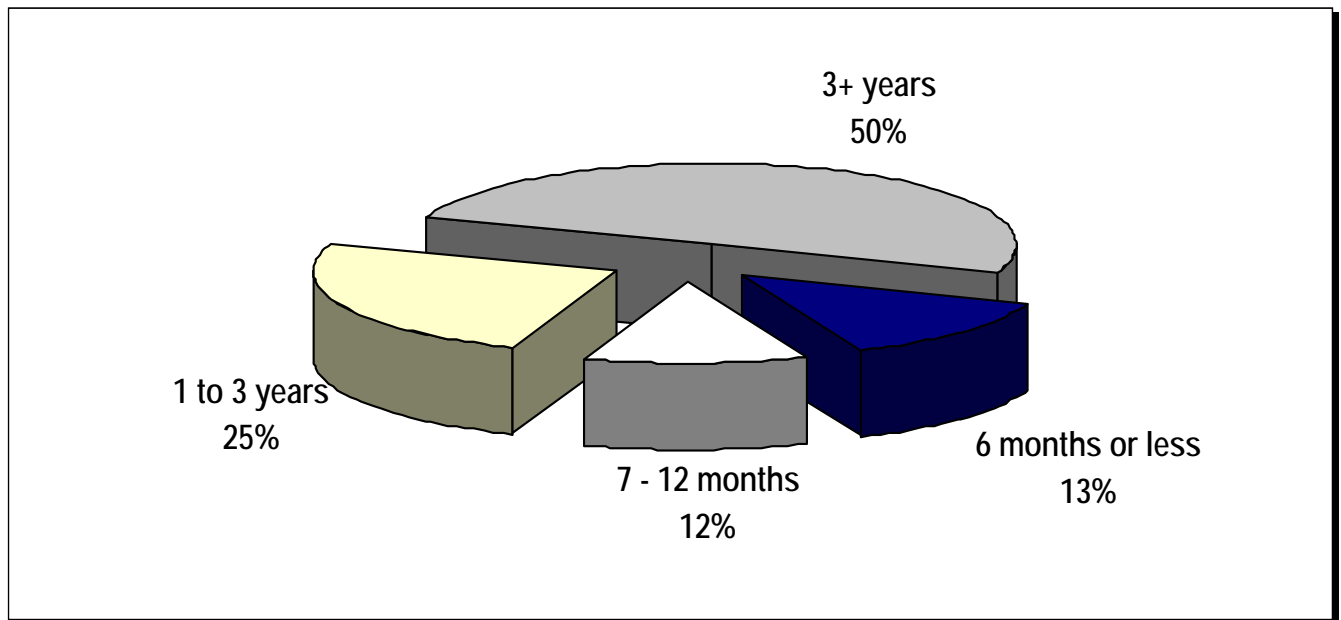
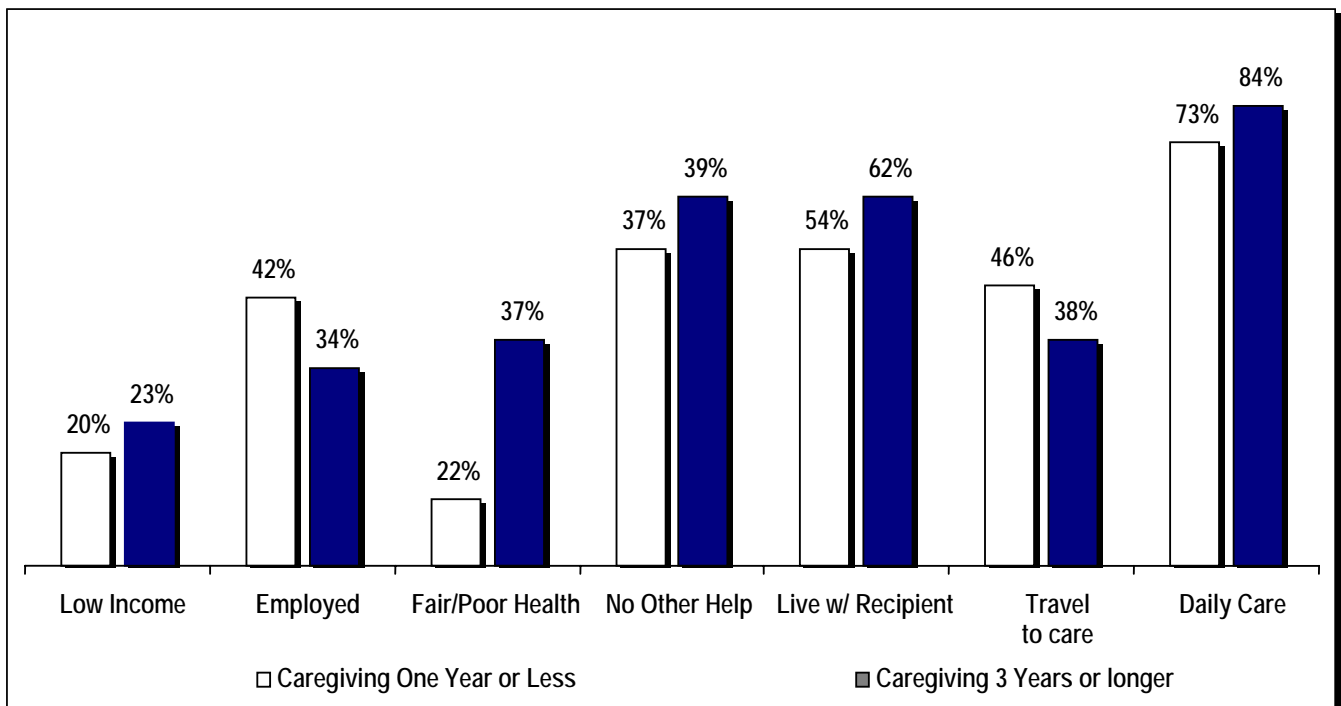


Chart 21. 2007 Registered Caregiver Characteristics by Length of Time Providing Care



Characteristics of Caregivers by How Far They Travel to Provide Care

The characteristics of caregivers differ depending if the caregiver lives with the care recipient or travels to provide care. Those that live with the care recipient were more likely to provide daily care and to indicate fair or poor health. Those that travel were younger, more likely to be a daughter or daughter-in-law, and a larger percentage were employed. Charts 22 and 23 describe characteristics for caregivers based on the need to travel to provide care.

Chart 22. Registered Caregivers by Travel Time to Provide Care

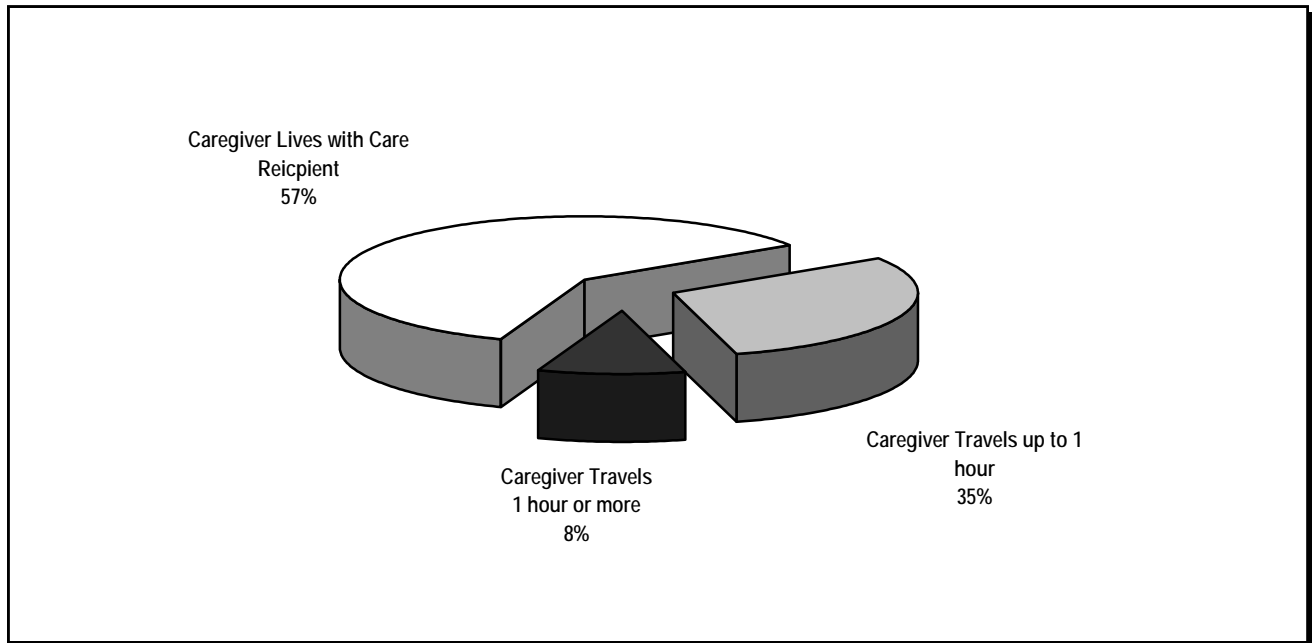


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